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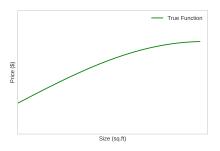
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Here, the true function $f_{\theta_{\text{true}}}$ is used to model the relation $y_t = f_{\theta_{\text{true}}}(x_t)$



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gives a measure of the average error by doing an expectation of the errors of all possible training sets of size N.

Therefore, $E_{train}[at a point x_t] = f(noise, bias, variance)$

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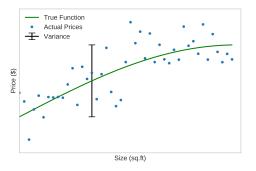
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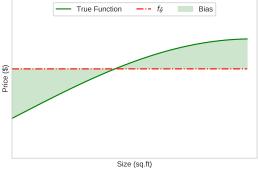
That is, it can be denoted by $\epsilon_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$

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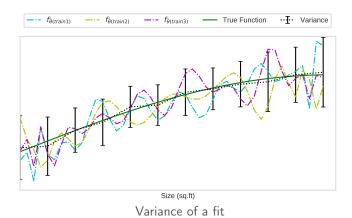
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where $f_{\hat{\theta}}(x) - f_{\bar{\theta}}(x_t)$ denotes the deviation that a specific fit has from the average.

Now we will see how, $E_{train}[\text{at a point } x_t] = \sigma^2 + [\text{bias}(f_{\hat{\theta}}(x_t))]^2 + \text{var}(f_{\hat{\theta}}(x_t))$ where, given a training set, the parameters $\hat{\theta}$ of the fit are learned as $f_{\hat{\theta}}$ and, the prediction at a point x_t for the model trained on that training set is $f_{\hat{\theta}}(x_t)$

Prediction Error at a point x_t can be calculated using the squared loss function.

Prediction error at
$$x_t = (y_t - f_{\hat{\theta}(train)}(x_t))^2$$

To find the "Expected Prediction Error" at a point x_t we average out the prediction error at that point over all possible learned models. This can be done by finding the expectation of prediction error for that point over all possible training datasets (train) and labels for that point (y_t).

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From Eqn. 1, 2, 3 and 4, we get,

Expected prediction error at $x_t = \sigma^2 + MSE(f_{\hat{\theta}(train)}(x_t))$

Now, we will further simplify the MSE term into bias and variance.

$$\mathit{MSE}(f_{\hat{\theta}(\mathit{train})}(x_t)) = E_{\mathit{train}}[(f_{\theta(\mathit{true})}(x_t) - f_{\hat{\theta}(\mathit{train})}(x_t))^2]$$

$$MSE(f_{\hat{\theta}(train)}(x_t)) = E_{train}[(f_{\theta(true)}(x_t) - f_{\hat{\theta}(train)}(x_t))^2]$$
$$= E_{train}[((f_{\theta(true)}(x_t) - f_{\bar{\theta}}(x_t)) + (f_{\bar{\theta}}(x_t) - f_{\hat{\theta}(train)}(x_t)))^2]$$

$$MSE(f_{\hat{\theta}(train)}(x_t)) = E_{train}[(f_{\theta(true)}(x_t) - f_{\hat{\theta}(train)}(x_t))^2]$$

$$= E_{train}[(\underbrace{(f_{\theta(true)}(x_t) - f_{\bar{\theta}}(x_t))}_{\alpha} + \underbrace{(f_{\bar{\theta}}(x_t) - f_{\hat{\theta}(train)}(x_t))}_{\beta})^2]$$

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From Eqn. 1 - 8, we get,

Expected prediction error at x_t

$$= \sigma^2 + MSE(f_{\hat{\theta}(train)}(x_t))$$

$$=\sigma^2 + bias(f_{\hat{\theta}}(x_t))^2 + variance(f_{\hat{\theta}}(x_t))$$